



Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 581 New: 654



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 July 2018

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
 Before the world was made, he chose us,
 chose us in Christ,

to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
 determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes,
 to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
 the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
 to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
 that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
 everything in the heavens and everything on earth.
 And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
 chosen from the beginning,
 under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
 as he decides by his own will;
 chosen to be,
 for his greater glory,
 the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
 Now you too, in him,
 have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,
 and have believed it:
 and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
 the pledge of our inheritance
 which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,
 to make his glory praised.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

SICK

Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Milagros Abelgas; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Charlie Bugden; Max Chester (architect who designed our present church and many churches in the diocese); John Andrades (son of Joseph & Vera); Domenica Palamara; Phyllis Geraghty; Gloria Aldana (Philippines); Lucia Lozada (Colombia); Ana Herb (Laos); Jane McLoughlin; Sofia Mure; Euredyce Dixon; Joseph Rapa.

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES

Guise Van Ngoc (100 days); Drago Fabjan (1st); Nicola & Petronilla Loguarro; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Caterina Tran Van; Zoran Romich; Giovanni Martello; Paul & Sofia Perconte; Adriana Donato; Carmelo Attana; Giuseppe Visalli; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Joseph Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Maria & Giovanni Gulizia; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Francesco & Mary Falzon; Maria Moore.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	No Mass
Devotion to Divine Mercy	2:30pm
TUESDAY	9.15am
WEDNESDAY	9:15am
<i>followed by short Adoration & Benediction</i>	
THURSDAY	9:15am
FRIDAY	9:15am

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	
Vigil	6:00pm
SUNDAY	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese	12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 9:45am Saturday 5:30pm

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3004 Received: \$2984 Shortfall: \$20
Presbytery: \$1537 Loose: \$844

Special Collection: \$883 Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Intentions of the Holy Father.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Flower pick up: M Scales
Flower Arranging: A Hickey
Sacristy: M Moretti
Hospital Communion: Team 2: Young Vinnies

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

Confirmations will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin
6pm Sat 21st July & 9.30am Sun 22nd July
First Eucharist will be celebrated at 6pm Masses on
28th July, 4th & 11th August

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Parish Office if you are able to assist with the following:

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MASSES

Are needed, training will be provided for all.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to take Communion to the housebound on a regular basis.

May our children flourish!

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

ANNUAL NAIDOC MASS:

Sunday 29th July 9.30am celebrates National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. A didgeridoo player will open the Mass, there will be a guest speaker from Opening the Doors Foundation and a Special Collection. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass.

BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN:

If you would like Baptism for your child/ren please contact the Parish Office. Instruction over 5 lessons will commence shortly.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH:

Please contact the parish office on 9337 6016 to register your interest.

PARISH/SCHOOL CAR PARK:

Please note the exit gate at the far end of the car park will be closed each weekday and Saturdays for the safety of parishioners and school families.

2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1st June, 2019.

READING MATERIAL

Australian Catholics Winter 2018 Edition - Free.
Melbourne Catholic Magazine July Edition \$4

FRANKSTON NORTH ROTARY CLUB:

Thank you for supporting the raffle. Unfortunately there were no winners from St Martin's Avondale Heights. See noticeboard for details of winners.

ARCHBISHOP HART MASS OF THANKSGIVING:

will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral next Saturday 21st July 2018 at 11am with refreshments to follow in Central Hall, Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. RSVP via Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne website www.cam.org.au

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS FOR THE 9TH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE:

MOST REVEREND PETER COMENSOLI

will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7pm. St Peter's Parish East Keilor is hiring a bus and kindly reserving 15 places for our parishioners. Please fill in details on clipboard in the foyer \$15 pp. Departing 5pm at St Peter's and returning to St Peter's by approx. 10pm. Please note: There is a short walk after the Mass to Central Hall, Brunswick St. Fitzroy for refreshments. Attendance at this Mass requires booking online as a group so final numbers will be required by Sunday 22nd July.

If you wish to go on your own, please RSVP via Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne website www.cam.org.au

NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

To drive a parishioner to and from work Monday-Friday for 6 months commencing Monday 9th July 2018 from East Keilor to West Heidelberg. Pick up at 1:15pm in East Keilor and at 10:15pm from West Heidelberg. Payment negotiable. Please contact 0435 956 226

"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL LUNCH"

Saturday 28th July in Symons Centre, next to St. Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds. Admission to Chinese Lunch \$20. Raffle to raise funds for Shalom Orphans in Nepal. Contact Adrian: 0403 512 936



INVEST IN THE CDF COMMUNITY FUND

CDF provides loans to support and help build Catholic Communities. Pick up a brochure in the foyer for more details.

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE Enrolment Year 7 2020

Applications close **FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST**. Download application form at www.columba.vic.edu.au or email registrar@columba.vic.edu.au to request a prospectus.

MAGI PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO EUROPE

Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Avignon, Turin, Padua, Assisi & Rome 15th August – 7th October 2018
Phone: 1300 721 561 or 0406 760 680
Email: pilgimage@magiholidays.com.au
Website: www.magiholidays.com.au

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS OF JORDAN & ISRAEL:

Escorted by Fr Tony Kerin 1st – 15th May 2019
Spend Easter Season in the Holy Land. See noticeboard for more information or pick up a flyer from the foyer.